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Subject: Request to Approve the Draft Renewal of AFO Permit
Attachments: AFO General Permit 2014 FINAL DRAFT watermark.pdf; AFO General Permit 2014 FINAL DRAFT 8-28-2014 redline with watermark.pdf; AFO factsheet FINAL for 2014 General Permit 8-21-2014.pdf; Tentative Determination - AFO General Discharge Permit - MD Reg notice 8-25-2014.pdf; NOI for General Discharge Permit for Animal Feeding Operations 14AF (August 15 2014b) web.pdf

Joel:

This e-mail is to provide you with all the documents necessary to support our formal request for approval of the renewal of the General Discharge Permit for Animal Feeding Operations. The formal request was in a letter and e-mail to Mr. David McGuigan on June 17, 2014. Attached please find the following documents:

- Final draft of the General Discharge Permit for Animal Feeding Operations (MDG01, 14AF) with track changes and with changes accepted;
- Fact sheet
- NOI (we do not have instructions for this form)
- Tentative determination (as published in Maryland Register on September 5th)

The draft permit reflects comments received from the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, University of Maryland Extension and EPA Region 3. We have incorporated all of Region 3's comments in the final draft.

MDE also received comments at a Stakeholder Meeting was held on August 26, 2014. Attendees included the Maryland Farm Bureau, University of Maryland Extension, Maryland Department of Agriculture, NRCS, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Waterkeepers Chesapeake, Caroline County Soil Conservation District, Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc., Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Perdue Farms, Mountaire Farms, Assateague Coastal Trust, Sierra Club, a poultry farmer, and a State Delegate.

Please note that a public hearing has been scheduled for October 14, 2014 in order to keep on schedule to reissue the permit effective December 1, 2014. The Department must have EPA's approval of these documents prior to this hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks for your assistance during this process.

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